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Media Notification

DOC Investigating Offender Escape from Young Correctional Facility

Following Friday's erroneous release of offender Joseph Sanders, a Delaware Department of Correction investigation is ongoing as to how the breakdown occurred which enabled Sanders to effect his escape from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington. Sanders, 42, was able to leave the facility with a group of inmates scheduled to be released.

This investigation will include an analysis of all systems, processes and staff performance related to the incident. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the Department of Correction (DOC) will take whatever actions are necessary to ensure the error does not recur.

Although exact details of how Sanders escaped have not been determined, DOC officials are looking into all procedures that are supposed to be followed during the release of an offender.

The search continues for Sanders, who is a 5'07" black male with black hair, brown eyes, tattoos on both arms and his left shoulder and a scar on his face.

Sanders was brought into the Young Correctional Facility on Wednesday, October 24. He was being held as a detentioner awaiting court action on multiple charges, including, a capias, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$100 (two charges), failure to report an accident and receiving stolen property under \$1,000 (3 charges). Total bail was set at \$41,577.